



**PENTECOST AND THE JEWISH DIASPORA**

ACTS 2

- City with Jewish population
- ▲ Mountain peak
- ELAM Province mentioned in Acts 2
- LYCIA Other provinces
- Roman Empire

# Acts 8 Outline

- \* Vs. 1-4
  - \* Great persecution and church scattered
- \* Vs. 5-25
  - \* Conversion of the Samaritans & Simon
- \* Vs. 26-40
  - \* Conversion of the Ethiopian
- \* Acts 1:8, Part 2

# When a Christian Sins

- \* Verses 18-24
- \* A temptation for Simon
- \* Purchase the power to lay hands
- \* Coveted that which was not his to have
- \* He had been saved – verse 13
- \* He was now not right with God
- \* Solution?
  - \* Repent and Pray
  - \* 1 John 1:9
  - \* James 5:16

# Can a Christian Fall from Grace?

- \* Simon – Acts 8
- \* Those justified by the law – Galatians 5:3-4
- \* Hymenaeus and Alexander – 1 Timothy 1:19-20
- \* Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 5:1-10
- \* Some whose faith is overthrown – 2 Tim 2:16-18

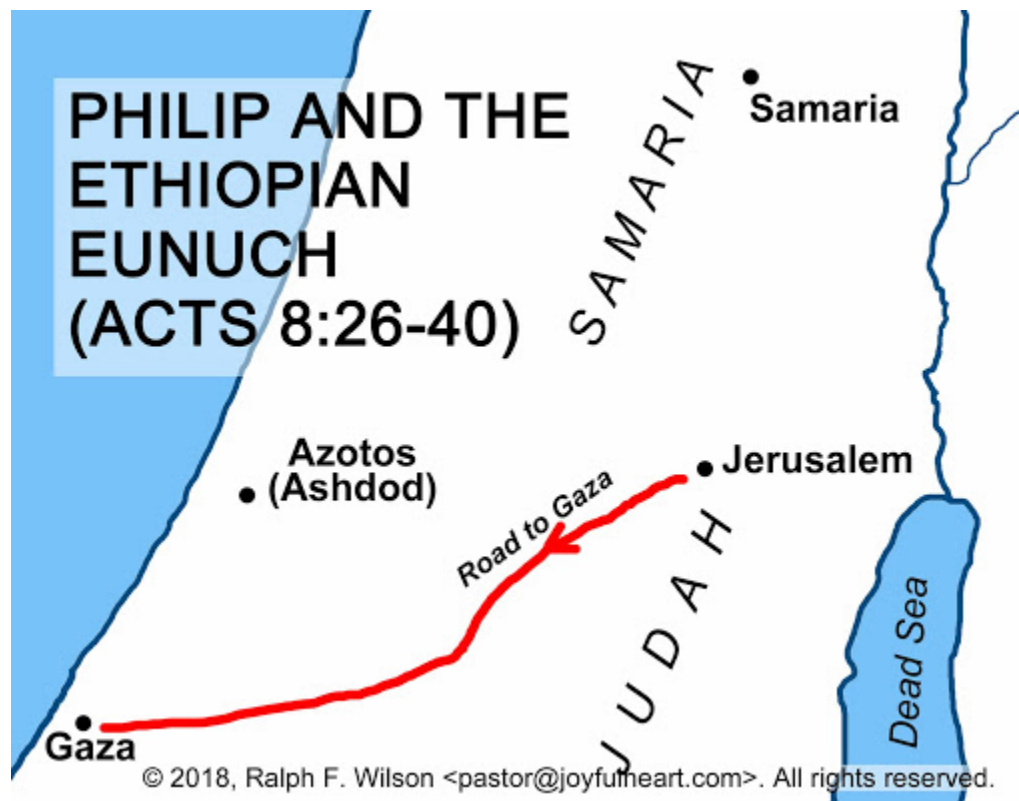
# Warnings of Falling

- \* Hebrews 3:12-14; 4:1, 11
- \* Hebrews 10:26-31
- \* 1 Corinthians 9:27
- \* 1 Corinthians 10:12
- \* 2 Peter 2:20-22
- \* Insecure?
  - \* No
  - \* Romans 8:35-39
  - \* John 5:24

# Does the believer have eternal life?

- \* John 5:24
- \* Eternal life possessed in the form of a promise
  - \* 1 John 2:24-25
  - \* Titus 1:2
- \* A promise with conditions; must continue
  - \* Ezekiel 18:20-24
  - \* 1 John 5:11-13, 18
  - \* Hebrews 3:12-14

# PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (ACTS 8:26-40)



# Philip – A Worthy Example

- \* A servant
- \* Twice received instruction
- \* Did exactly what was told him
- \* Many things could have been questioned
  - \* Desert road
    - \* Mark 6:35
  - \* Nevertheless
    - \* Luke 5:5



# The Ethiopian Treasurer

- \* 1000-1500 miles from home
- \* Religious
- \* A man of authority
- \* Not too proud to be taught
- \* Acknowledged need of help and desire to be taught
- \* Listened, learned, understood, believed, confessed, obeyed, rejoiced

# The Plan Repeated Throughout Acts

- \* A preacher
- \* A seeker
- \* Preached Jesus
- \* Preached baptism
- \* “Beginning at this Scripture”
- \* Heard & understood
- \* Belief
- \* Repentance
- \* Confession
- \* Baptism
- \* Rejoicing

Is there any other plan?  
There is no other plan  
The same plan will work today

# Learning About Baptism

- \* The candidate?
  - \* Believes
  - \* Repents
  - \* Confesses (confesses what?)
  - \* Not an infant
- \* Water
- \* Burial – verse 38-39
  - \* Rom 6:4-5
  - \* Col 2:12
- \* Urgent
  - \* Why?

# The Holy Spirit in Conversion

- \* In this case, He spoke to the preacher
- \* He revealed the Scripture
- \* He did not act directly upon the heart of the sinner
- \* He acted through the spoken word, the gospel
- \* Romans 1:16
- \* Romans 10:8-17